

Hempland Lane-Heworth Allotment Association



Newsletter
April to June 2010

Hot from the Hut!



Introducing the Committee

Name		Plot
Gerry Agar	Site Manager	39
Ellen Bradbury		9
David Brinklow	Site Secretary and Treasurer	14
Phil Copley	Secretary	89
Gayle Enion-Farrington	Chair and Publicity Officer	34,35
Elaine Kenyon		33
Ulrike Manara	Minutes Secretary	40
Lisa Tindale		59b
Lorraine Wood	Shop Manager	64
Dave Wood		64
Mark Farrington	Website Administrator	35
Trevor Day	Easy Access Plots Rep	68D+E, 67K
Nigel Collinson		65
Chris Lee		88A

Dates for your Diary



Good Friday is traditionally the day to plant your seed potatoes. The shop still has more to sell, so pop along this Sunday. Unfortunately the Onion sets were so popular, this is the only item that we have sold out of this year.

Aiming to get SKIPS - General and Green for 6th - 14th April 2010 - just awaiting confirmation from the council on delivery dates.

Sunday 2nd May 2010, Dean's Garden Centre, York, 11am to 3pm. As part of Compost Awareness Week York Rotters are having an information stall at the Garden Centre on how to start to composting, how to do it, problem solving and what to do with your compost once it is produced.

Next Summer Fete SUNDAY 18th July 2010, 12noon - 2pm with shop open from 10am



As always there will be a tombola, and sales of produce, jams and pickles, houseplants and a plant swap.

Organic Gardening Show Saturday 4th September 2010 @ Deans Garden Centre - Can enter your fruit and vegetables! More details to follow.

Strimming Weekend of the Wildlife area will take place on 18th & 19th September 2010. Bring along your strimmers, rakes and wheelbarrows and we'll all enjoy a barbecue on the Sunday at 12noon.



Along with our annual GIANT VEGETABLE competition.

Membership Cards

If you haven't done so already, you can renew your association membership with a payment of £3. This can be purchased from the allotment shop every Sunday. You must be an associate member in order to buy items from the shop, collect Manure and chippings (with a donation) and get a 10% discount from all gardening purchases at Deans & Vertigrow (please show your card before you pay at the till).

Car Parking

Parking is at a premium on our allotment site so please park your car carefully and be considerate to others. DO NOT park any cars in front of the Chippings, Manure Bay and Skips.

Greener Communication

Please let us have your e-mail address if you have one: this provides an easy and cost-effective way to contact members. Don't forget to collect your membership card, which entitles you to 10% off gardening purchases at Dean's Garden Centre and Vertigrow.

Gates

Are locked by our Site Manager Gerry Agar at dusk. If you need to have your car in the car park after this, you will have to get a key to the gate padlock from the Allotment Office of City of York Council.



Show consideration to our hedgehogs

We would like to get involved in a hedgehog release scheme in our wildlife area and across our allotment site. In order for this to happen we respectfully ask you ALL to stop using SLUG PELLETS. Please be vigilant for our new friends.



Consideration with Fires

It's that time of year when plots are cleared following the winter months with fires sometimes being used to get rid of unwanted material. However as the number of fires increases so do the calls from others about the nuisance that they can sometimes cause. We would like to remind all tenants of the following guidelines in relation to fires:

Do you really need a fire? Composting of material is a much better solution, since this year's waste is next year's free plant food/soil conditioner!

If a fire is needed then it should be set alight after 6pm and only then if both weather conditions and those around you are happy with you doing so.

All material should be clean and dry before attempting to burn it. Freshly dug up weeds or other damp material should not be placed on fires since they produce far too much smoke.

Waste such as carpets, plastic and other material should never be burnt due to the chemicals which are given off by this type of material.

Material for a fire should only be stacked just before the fire is lit. Animals such as hedgehogs and frogs often hide in or around stacked material looking for a safe place to rest.

If your fire is producing smoke, or you are asked to put the fire out by a fellow tenant or resident then please respond in a manner which will not cause offence. Please bear in mind that you can always relight your fire again at another time, where-as a local resident is unable to move their house from the path of the smoke whilst your fire burns.

Just to re-enforce some of the above points please note the following entries taken from a York Council Allotment tenancy agreement:

"The Tenant shall not burn any plastic or synthetic materials on the Allotment Garden"

"The Tenant shall not cause any nuisance or annoyance to the occupier of any other allotment garden or to

occupiers of neighbouring properties...."

Also refer to the following [Air pollution levels in York \(Bonfires\)](#).

Thankyou for taking the time to read this and please use fires responsibly for the benefit of us all.

Allotment Website!!

We have had over 800 visits to our website. If you haven't had a look - please log on and enjoy surfing!

www.hempland-lane-allotments.co.uk

We would like to keep it up to date and detailing fresh news, so if you have any information, pictures etc please email them to Gayle Enion-Farrington, Chair Person and Publicity Officer via the website.

Anti-social behaviour, vandalism and theft

Please report any incidents to the police on 0845 60 60 247 and get an incident number. This helps with police monitoring of events on site and could help if we need any action to be taken, such as extra patrols, meetings with police officers, etc.

Dog fouling

If you see this occurring on site, please inform the Dog Warden office on 551513 or 551530.



Rats

If you know where rats are nesting on or near your plot, you can have them removed free of charge by contacting the Allotments Officer on 553399.



Hot Cross Buns



Ingredients:

500g strong bread flour, plus extra for dusting
1 1/2 tsp Salt
75g caster sugar
7 g sachet dried Yeast
300 ml mixed milk and water
150g sultanas
zest of 2 Oranges
80g mixed peel
2 tsp ground Cinnamon

For the glaze:

50g Sugar
50 ml water

Method

1. Put the flour, salt, sugar and yeast into a bowl. Slowly add enough of the milk and water mix to achieve pliable dough. Tip out onto a lightly floured surface and knead well for 5 minutes, then put the dough back into the bowl and leave to rise for 1 hour.
2. Incorporate the sultanas, mixed peel, orange zest and cinnamon into the dough and leave to rise for 1 hour.
3. Lightly grease a baking sheet. Divide the dough into 75g pieces and roll each into a ball. Put them on a baking tray and leave to rest for 1 hour.
4. Set the oven to 220°C/gas 8. Bake the buns for 25 minutes until golden brown. Combine the sugar and water together to make a syrup and brush this liberally all over the buns. Serve immediately.



Rhubarb Crumble



Ingredients

For the rhubarb

25g/1oz butter
25g/1oz caster sugar
1 lemon, zest and juice only
75g/2¾oz rhubarb, cut into batons

For the crumble

100g/3½oz plain flour
100g/3½oz caster sugar
100g/3½oz whole skinned almonds

Method

Preheat the oven to 200C/400F/Gas 6.

2. Stir the butter, sugar, lemon juice and zest over a low heat until the butter is melted. Tip in the rhubarb and cook for 3-5 minutes, until the rhubarb has softened a little.
3. Spoon the rhubarb into a small ovenware dish.
4. To make the crumble, whiz the flour, sugar and almonds together in a food processor. Sprinkle the crumble over the rhubarb and bake for five minutes, or until cooked through. Serve hot, straight from the dish.